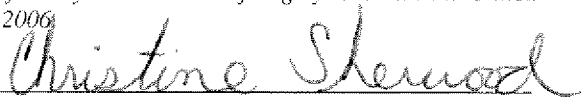


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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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Total Claims Fee	21	*74	0	x \$25.00	x \$50.00	0
Independent Claims	4	** 13	0	x \$100.00	x \$200.00	0
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_____ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
_____ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
_____ Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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